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RE: Docket No. 98N-1265

To Whom It May Concern:

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice, and infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs from legitimate sources.

I want the MOU amended to allow me and my physician to make the choice of what is right and appropriate for me. I don't want or need what the FDA approves already because the traditional drugs for HRT being spit out by the FDA's approved drug companies are the very drugs that can harm me. As my physician told me when I asked him, "Why, if a woman produces 300mgs of progesterone daily during her fertile years, can't she safely take more than 5mgs of progesterone at menopause?" His answer was, "It's not the amount of progesterone in the drug that can be toxic, it's the other ingredients added for shelf-life and so forth."

I must be really stupid as I don't understand restricting my right to obtain legal, **NATURAL** drugs that work for me (as the traditional ones did not), prescribed by my physician, yet it's just fine if I take the ones you've approved that can be toxic to me. The FDA is acting like BIG BROTHER and the only reason I can possibly understand why **toxic is ok**, but natural (compounded) over state lines isn't, is because the FDA isn't getting a big, fat \$\$\$ kickback from the natural drug making companies. I assure you, I'm not completely stupid because we both know you don't give one damn about me and my body, really!

This government, its elected officials and its agencies must stop interfering in the rights of its citizens to choose what they, their physicians and pharmacists feel is right and appropriate for them as long as everything is above board and legal! Amend this MOU to allow me and my physician and/or pharmacist to discuss my medical needs and/or options, including the right to receive my **natural, prescribed, and non-toxic**

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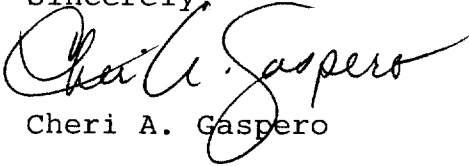
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medications from any legitimate pharmacy in the country.

I'm very curious to know why the FDA feels no need to control the drug Viagra, known to be lethal if not properly used. My, my, it doesn't even have to be prescribed, since you can buy it willy-nilly over the Internet. Could it be because it's primarily a "male" hormone for sexual prowess? Wouldn't want to interfere with a man's right to "get it up" would we??

Your anticipated cooperation to amend the MOU as I and thousands of others will be requesting will not only be appreciated but will preserve our rights to obtain information and healthcare products from the provider of OUR choice.

Sincerely,

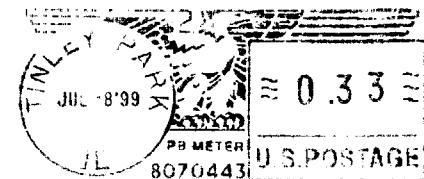
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